

USCGC MORGENTHAU (WHEC 722)

Deployment News, 19 December 2007

FROM THE BRIDGE:

CAPTAIN KEVIN O'DAY

Greetings Again Family and Friends,

Well, this looks like our last newsletter of this relatively short, Eastern-Pacific counter-drug patrol. As I write this newsletter, MORGENTHAU and crew are in the middle of our biennial command assessment for readiness and training down here in beautiful San Diego. And although MORGENTHAU did not have any additional seizures since our last newsletter, we were busy prosecuting potential drug cases of our own and helping our boss and the other surface ships down in the drug lanes with cases. We also managed to sneak in a much needed port visit stop for the crew in Golfito, Costa Rica for a few days as well.



In fact, just before our Golfito stop, MORGENTHAU's ace OPS specialists broke open a case for our Tactical Commander (TACON) in Key West, FLA on a possible drug operation developing several hundred miles off the west coast of Costa Rica. Our reports pinpointed two suspected logistics supply vessels that the Colombian drug cartel had staged as look-out and support / staging vessels for drugs that were making their way up the coast from Colombia to Mexico. It was frustrating, especially for this exceptional (and hungry) crew, to know that "drugs were on the water" but outside our reach. However, as the total team players that MORGENTHAU is known for, we passed our information and tactical analysis to several other Coast Guard cutters and our TACON and then sat back and watched from the shore as the case developed. And, as we predicted, two days into our port visit in Golfito, Coast Guard cutter STEADFAST made a major seizure of one of the vessels we had help pinpoint and recovered over 80 bales of cocaine. Interestingly, the Mexican fishing vessel that was involved as the pick-up vessel for the drugs was a vessel that MORGENTHAU had stopped and boarded several weeks earlier as we suspected they were

up to no good. We were certainly correct, and our intelligence reports following the boarding on that vessel proved critical to the prosecution of this case, which resulted in a huge victory for our side.

In between our port visit and our last migrant vessel intercept, MORGENTHAU was tasked with several challenging drug cases that did not yield any seizures. We sprinted all day and night from the border of Mexico / Guatemala to the border of Panama / Costa Rica over a two week period, and, in each case, we were either just a few hours late or a few days early according to the information that followed. Yes, it was frustrating for everyone for a while there, but sometimes that's as good as can be expected given the vastness of the water that we are charged with patrolling over the course of a patrol. Additionally, our final stop in El Salvador was delayed by one day when we got word that a loaded "go fast vessel" was sitting off the coast and several hundred miles to our southeast.

Knowing MORGENTHAU's crew and capabilities, it was an easy decision to forgo our scheduled stop and turn hard to try and intercept. However, as luck would have it, a Nicaraguan patrol boat arrived on scene about 5 hours before we did, and based on reports from the military patrol aircraft overhead, scarred the go fast vessel back down the coast to Costa Rica and outside our reach without our helicopter onboard.

After refueling and dropping off some crew and our helicopter support kit in El Salvador, we made our way up the coast to San Diego where turned out attention to training and drills. It's always a challenge aboard an operating Coast Guard cutter like MORGENTHAU, with the size and turn-over of her crew and the age of our equipment, to remain sharp and ready for all our missions and possible emergencies at sea. That's the current cycle we are in at the moment and it is coming at a much needed time as we look towards the inport and the rigorous scheduled five-month deployment to Southeast Asia next spring and summer. Yes, there is rarely anytime to rest, especially aboard this cutter, which is asked to and continually does so much on behalf of the Coast Guard and our country.



It is also worth noting in this newsletter about the outstanding operational successes of MORGENTHAU's crew over the past year. Several weeks ago, I received an "All Coast Guard" email from Admiral Thad Allen (our Commandant) that made national news on the Coast Guard's unprecedented success in cocaine drug seizures in fiscal year 2007, which, amazingly, yielded over 350,000 pounds of cocaine seized over the year. I'm proud to note that MORGENTHAU's crew accounted for almost 10% of that total seizure amount. That's a superb record of accomplishment (!) over just two patrols, especially given that the total cocaine seizures were from both coasts combined and from over 50 USCG and USN vessels operating over this period. Clearly, this crew has earned its reputation and motto as being the "Pride of the Pacific".

We're down to the last few days of the patrol and really are looking forward to the final leg of our journey and the "Tiger Cruise" home and Friday when we sail under the Golden Gate, once again, having completed our patrol and executed our missions extremely well. We look forward to enjoying a much deserved Christmas and New Years holiday break with our family, friends and loved ones. Thank you all again for all your love and support for this outstanding crew. We absolutely, positively could not do it without you, so thank you all again, and Happy Holidays to you and to the extended MORGENTHAU family and friends.

"Semper Paratus" – Always Ready "Decus Pacifici" - Pride of the Pacific

Best Regards – Captain Kevin M. O'Day



FROM THE NEWSLETTER TEAM ENS CHAD CARLOUGH

Greetings and happy holidays from USCGC MORGENTHAU. This is the final e-mail newsletter of our current deployment. We have left the "Eastern Pacific" and are currently in route to Alameda after going through CART (Command Assessment and Readiness Training) located in San Diego. Yes,



we are finally almost home! MORGENTHAU had a successful patrol in which we seized approximately 3,100 lbs of cocaine with an estimated street value of \$41 million, and detained four suspected drug smugglers. Also, MORGENTHAU disrupted a migrant smuggling operation, stopping 63 migrants ultimately bound for the US, and detaining five suspected migrant smugglers. I hope these newsletters have kept you well informed back home of the great accomplishments and actions of the "Pride of the Pacific"- USCGC MORGENTHAU. Thank you for all your support positive feedback throughout this patrol. Expect more interesting news on our next patrol when we navigate the seas of South East Asia!

-ENS Chadwick Carlough

CREW RECOGNITION:

Crew Advancements:

FA Branson to FN
ET1 Smiley to ETC

Non-Rate of the Month:

SA Bristow



Congratulations to MORG's Non-Rate of the Month Kody Bristow

We would like to wish fair winds and following seas to our departing shipmates:

SN Schiessel - AirSta Los Angeles - LOC
FN Rivera - MST "A" School - LOA
FN Myler - EM "A" School - LOA
Cryptologic Detachment Team (CDET)
Aviation Detachment Team (AVDET)

We would like to welcome aboard our new shipmates:

SN Billingsley - Recruit Training
SA Carlson - Recruit Training
FN Disher - Recruit Training
FA Dixon - Recruit Training
FN Garcia - Recruit Training
SA Schneider - Recruit Training
FA Rossi - Recruit Training
SN Wood - Recruit Training



ET2 Prior dons the sound powered phones while taking bearings as part of the Navigation team while entering Golfito, Costa Rica

The following crew members completed qualifications:

Air Direction Controller
OS1 Flory

WCC Operator:
ET3 Hazzard
ET2 Zappia
ET3 Epps

CIWS LCP/RCP Operator:
ET3 Wright

3M Maintenance Person:
ET3 Hazzard

CIWS Ammunition Loader/Handler:
SN Welsh
ET3 Hazzard
ET3 Wright
ET3 Epps
ET2 Zappia



SN Hampton Stands a Vigilant look-out during Special Sea Detail

MK75 GWS Loader:
GM2 Kinker
GM2 Baenziger
GM2 Carpenter
BM3 Brown

Basic DCPQS:
SN West
SN Murguido
OS3 Manship
HSC Colinco
SA Blancarte
SN McTague
SN Ralston
SN Sanders
SN Valenzuela

Boatswain's Mate of the Watch:
SN Whyte
SN Judge
BM3 Brown
SN Ford
BM3 Sheibels
BM3 Sinkey

Boarding Team Member:
ENS Garden
ENS Carlough



MKC Buckley supervises MK3 Rodriguez and FN Branson as they work on the boiler.

CB-OTH Standard Boat Crewman:
SN Sims

Helmsman & Lookout Watch Stander:
SN Valenzuela
SN Olsen
SA McTague
SA Bristow
SN Bradshaw
BM1 Aguilar
SA Blancarte
SA Torres

Helicopter Tie-down Crewman:
SN Ebrahim
SN Welsh

Helicopter Control Officer:
ENS Davis
ENS Carlough

Landing Signal Officer:
ENS O'Donnell

Advanced DCPQS:
OSC Ramp
FSCS McKnight
BM1 Aguilar
SN West
SN Murguido
OS3 Manship
HSC Colinco
SN McTague
SN Ralston
SN Valenzuela

Repair Locker Leader:
OSC Ramp
FSCS McKnight

Junior Officer of the Deck Inport:
BM1 Aguilar

Officer of the Deck Inport:
ENS Garden
ENS Davis
ENS Carlough

Officer of the Deck Underway:
CWO Taylor

REVERSE SHOUT-OUTS TO THE CREW

- Doug & Vicki Young, parents of BM2 Jessica Young send: "We love you and are looking forward to seeing you"
- Valerie Shiebels sends to BM3 Sheibels. "I can't wait to be with you to celebrate our first X'mas together!"
- Jesse sends to OS3 Christopher Kiener: "Hey bro whats up! I miss you man. Hope we get to see you an Ash soon. Any

ways I love you bro, and I hope you are having fun out there."

- Tyler & AJ Miller send to: MK1 Miller: "We love you daddy. We miss you and we'll see you soon. Happy Holidays from your boys."
- Sharmin & Tristan Van Horn sends to EM1 Michael Raffino: "Get to work slacker:) We miss you and when are you coming East?? Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!"
- Mom and Dad sends to Trisha Jantzen: "We are so excited you will finally be able to have your long awaited honeymoon. We wish you and the crew a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year. We will be with you in spirit. Love, Mom and Dad"
- Frank & Theresa Sains sends to Jon Sains: "We all miss you and have a speedy, safe trip back home .. wish we could be there to greet you to join in all the happy smiles and hugs! And of course, Mele Kelikimaka!!!"



- Jim sends to Sandra Derk: "We miss you and can't wait to see you. We are all proud of you, Love your entire family"
- Kevin sends to ENS Christie Davis: "Have you finally grown an inch or two over the patrol?"
- Erin Gilson sends to BM2 Young: "You Rock!!! Sailor of the Year, woohoo!! Glad to see you are having fun, working hard and getting recognized for your efforts! :) I'd be your shipmate again anyday. Lorelai and I will see you sometime this spring."
- Rick "The Elder" Spicer sends to BM2 Rick "The Younger" Spicer and the entire crew of the Morgenthau: Congratulations on yet another successful patrol and doing what you do best !!! Glad everyone is home safe and sound and will be back for the holidays. Merry Christmas to all !!!! WELL DONE !!!!!"



SNBM MacDonald and SN Carlson give MORG a facelift while working on the Paint Float

- Meryl Healy (Mother) sends to SK2 Brynn Healy: "Hey Brynn! You did it! Glad you are land bound now. I am so excited about your wedding.....We need to get busy planning now. Dad and I are so very proud of you and all of your accomplishments thus far in life. I miss you so...."
- Daisy Healy send to SK2 Brynn Healy: "Brynn,I miss you so much. I miss our walks around the lake and your silly voice when you talk to me. Grandma and Grandma are taking good care of me. I even get to sleep in their temper-pedic bed and take all the blankets every night. I can't wait to see you again and lick yur face!"
- Rosemary Lopez sends to Christopher N. Lopez: "Merry Christmas son, we miss and love you."
- iAnna Mc sends to LTJG Krees Morris: "Have fun at home while I'm out working, Lazy butt! For X-mas I'm getting you an



FN Gass and FN Jamie are in the middle of a Security Round

engineer's rag so you can get used to being one of us again. Remember, it's OK to let others win at Halo/Team Fortress every now and then. Miss you tons; enjoy your in-port 'cause you deserve it (for being the best tiny kitten ever). Muah!"

- Amanda Jenkins sends to Jessica Young (Jess), Richard Spicer (Spice), and Daniel Brown (Brownie Boy): "MERRY CHRISTMAS GUYS! Welcome back (soon) and I hope y'all didn't get into too much trouble without me. ;) See ya soon!"
- Sara Harrison sends to BM1 Plata: "Hi babe, we're so excited that the coast guard is going to share you with us this Christmas!! We cant wait for you to be home! The house is decorated & there are lots of goodies to fatten you up. I love you so much xoxox"
- EM1 IERONIMO sends to JOEY BAGG O'DONUTS, EM SHOP, A-GANG, DC-SHOP, MAIN PROP : "I've been watching the miss-hap reports waiting to see something about a hairy Italian dude havin a heart attack or stroke



Members of the Helicopter Tie-Down Crew (Blue) and Fire Team (Red) watch as the MH-68 prepares to take off



CAPT O'Day Addresses the Crew on the Flight Deck

onboard Morgenthau. Looks like Mikie 440 made it through another patrol. I wish I could have been there this patrol. To go from a 378 to a desk hurts pretty bad. It's like drivin a buck forty down I-5 then slamming into a wall around the harris ranch area, then all you smell is cow poo. Chief Buckley hope the morale suppression team is still going strong, good luck with that EMC on ETT I hear he's a real stickler. EMC add missiles to your flight simulator otherwise it's just a video game. MP thanks for giving up your stand down to make the ship move, it's a nice thought to say that's the last time you'll have to do that, but I think we all know the truth. Engineers should just start getting stand down in the middle of the inport that way no-one feels bad at the end when you're back on the boat working and everyone else is home. Russ, Al, Garth, and Bill.... I just wanted to say your names aloud. Sounds more like a band or a nascar clan than it does a DC shop. If you have new guys now whos name I did not mention oh well. Garth grow hair, Al well you're perfect, Bill do what they say and don't whine. Chief Cox, thanks for the entertainment on watch."



YN2 Kellehar and SNYN Benson are in the Ships Office after the work day

- Mykaela and Ian Gracie sends to ETI Gracie: "I miss you daddy, I can't wait for you to get home, we're driving mommy crazy. Hurry home dad it's my first Christmas! We love you, bring good presents."
- Chris & Rowena Lynch sends to Clarence Rivera: "We just wanted to say how very proud we are of you, Clarence! We always knew that you'd make an impact on the world in your own way. We wish you the best of luck as you embark on your new adventures!"
- Mum and Dad send to Jenny Inwood: "Wishing you a Happy Christmas and looking forward to seeing you in January."
- Brad Kreutzkamp sends to Bill Kreutzkamp: "Merry Christmas Bill, I can't wait to join you for the Tiger Cruise later this week!"

- Mtn. View Elementary School 2nd and 3rd Graders send to Our Special Crew Member Buddies: "Yea!! You are almost home! We've miss you! Stay safe! Maybe we will see you on January 5 when some of us visit the Morgenthau. From All of Us to All of You: Happy Holidays and WE LOVE THE MORGENTHAU!!"



- Norman Fogle sends: "As a Plank Owner I want to thank all of you for a job well done and for keeping the Morg the pride of the fleet. I want to wish each and every crew member from the Capt. On down a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy new year. Enjoy the time in port with your families and loved ones. I can't wait to see the Morg. The next time I am out West"
- Melanie Pennington (Mom) sends to Michael Hazzard: "I love you and am so proud of you. Glad you and the rest of the crew are all safely back in the USA!"
- Jason and Garrett Carlough send to Chadwick Carlough: "Wick, even though you are our little brother, you will always be bigger, stronger, smarter, better looking and have more hair than us! Can't wait to see you bro!!"
- Jeff and Brenda Judge send Jeffrey T. Judge Jr.: "We miss you very much and are proud of you and the rest of the



A group photo after an intense Softball game in San Diego

coast guard crew members. During this holiday season, we wish all of peace and happiness for the upcoming New Year! Go Eagles! Love Mom & Dad"

- Celeste Carter sends to Bryan Radik: "Honey I love you more, so you are just going to have to except that!! I can't wait to see you again. I have missed you so much and so have the kids. Thank you for being so amazing Turd. I love you for eternity. Come what may."
- Michael O'Neil sends to Captain Kevin O'Day: "Yo BOG: All of the O'Neils wish you, Connor and Olivia a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Please dedicate your next big catch to DB and the angels above. Our best to you and your wonderful crew. Mike, Lauren, Sean, Cameron & Ryan O'Neil"
- Shirley Knepp sends to MK3 Byron Knepp: "Hey Buddie when you read this I WILL BE WITH YOU!!!! I can't wait to see you! Love you Mom"
- Gloria Childers to Mark Childers: "May you and your family have a wonderful Christmas. As John Denver said - 'Its good to be back home again'"
- Bethy sends to Captain Kevin O'Day: "We'll miss you and the kids this year for Christmas. We'll play Wise and Otherwise in honor of you three."
- The Ferro Family sends to Christopher Morris: "Merry Christmas Chris. Have a safe journey home, and we hope to catch up soon. Bring home your warmest clothes it's cold over here!! Miss ya."

- Kathy Kellehar sends to YN2 Kellehar: "Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year's. We are proud of you!. Love Mom and Dad"
- Kittie sends to Samuel Sproul: "It's the season that everyone shops the most, and that will always remind me of you. No matter where we go or what we do- no one can toaster oven shop like us ;) Merry Christmas hun!"
- Mom, Dad, and Heidi send Brian Soto: "Brian we miss u so much we cant wait to have you home, snowboarding, great food, and gifts await, we love you!"

• Mom sends to Chad Carlough: "Thank you for being such a wonderful and loving son. I hope your holiday is fun! We will miss you, but will see you soon. Thank you for being so supportive these last few weeks. I love you!!!!"

- Dad, Sue & Ryan send to OS2 Kyle Kelsey: "Merry Christmas..welcome home look forward to seeing you soon."
- Joyce Edillon sends to ET2 Mark Edillon: "Hi babe! Nathaniel and I can't wait to see you. We're proud of you and hope you are doing well. Hang in there. We love and miss you very much. See you soon."



ENS Garcia, FN Gass, OS1 Roberts and a Local Surfer venture off to the Pavones, Costa Rica to catch some Waves



OS3 Soto and OS3 McGinnis play some billiards in Costa Rica

- Gylock's class at Mountain View sends to Petty Officer Strickland and CPO Colinco: "Hi from Mountain View! We hope you are all doing well and keeping busy. Thank you for the Halloween Candy. We had a fun carnival and costume parade. We are looking forward to hearing Flat Stanley's adventures when you get back home. Have a good holiday. We will see you in 2008!"
- Quail Baez sends to Captain Kevin O'Day: "Come visit while you're on shore to toast the Holiday."
- Ramona Gittings and Sons send to FS1 Patrick Gittings: "Welcome home Papa! Thanks for all the hard work! We've missed you Papa! We love you Papa!"
- Morgenthau Ombudsman (Ramona Gittings) sends to The Command and Crew of the USCGC MORGENTHAU: "From our family to yours, we wish you a safe and happy holiday and a bright and peaceful New Year!"



MORG's Costume Party: Is that DC2 Heilman or FN Gass?

- Yo'Mama sends to FS Whitney White: "Hey, my darlin' greetings from Austin. I'm so incredibly proud of you. Keep on keepin' on. Now come home and polish my boots... LOL. We'll have a Tardy Christmas when you get home in February. Prrr, meawr and wuf-wuf from the beasts. Tons of love and affection from me, Joemang and Morgan. We miss you so!"
- Gabrielle Allemand sends to Whitney White: "Thinking of you... Merry XMas and Happy New Year! Hugs & kisses from Paris, France, G."
- Joe, Kim and David send to Christopher Kiener: W wish you a very Merry Christmas!!!! and a Happy New Year. May God Bless you and keep you safe. We miss you!!!!
- Bob Armbrust sends to James O'Brien and the whole MORGENTHAU crew: "Thanks for gettin' rid of the bad guys, you make the World a better place. "Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all !"
- Deana da Silva (Mom) sends to Manuel Ontiveros: "Finally you'll be home for Christmas. I love you son. Welcome home."
- Dave and Linda Denman send to Benjamin Denman: "Hi!!! You can cruise the ocean blue but as always you can run but you can't hide. See you in a couple of days. Love and Miss you."



A Coast Guard C-130 requested to buzz the tower

- Ashley Colby (sister) sends to LTJG Ricky Colby: "Yay for your patrol being over! See you soon, brother!"
- Gary Tugwell sends to Jeremy Borja: "God Bless and I'm looking forward to the two day trip with you and crew of the Morgenthau, god bless all and our great country of the United States of America, is it true the Morgenthau has the best steaks on any ocean HAHAAAAH"
- The Casper Family sends to Byron Knepp: "Thanks to the Coast Guard for all you do for our country! Trey--Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! We're thinking about you. See you soon!"
- Kim Carpenter (mom) sends to Dara Carpenter: "I just want to say Sorry I won't be with you on Christmas but enjoy it with family. We are all very proud of you. Keep



Applied Psychology Class Graduates with their professor, Tatiana.

up the good work. Let Kyle know he owes me a rematch in cards.”

- Michael Simonetti sends to SK2 Brynn Healy: “Hey love... I'm proud of you and all your hard work that you have put in. I'm glad that you are going to be home for the Holidays and can't wait to give you all your presents. I love you and miss you. I will see you soon...”

- San Francisco Bay Boats' n Kids Team sends to the Crew of the Morgenthau: “You guys are the best. You had lots of excitement and we are glad you will be home for the holidays. Thanks to the newsletter team for the outstanding reports. You touched many lives. Have a safe trip home.”
- Lei Abregano (mom) sends to PO3 Daniel K. Brown: “Aloha Kaniela, Mahalo nui loa for all that you have done. Hili makou ia oe (we all miss you). Mele Kalikimaka a me Hau'oli makahiki hou.. Aloha wau ia oe.. A hui hou malama pono Aloha e mama”



MORG's Law Enforcement Team boards a migrant vessel with 68 migrants onboard

- Mike O'Brien sends to Capt Kevin O'Day: “I know you're enjoying the counter drug ops A LOT - looking forward to sharing stories with you on dry land...party at Moylan's to celebrate Flynn's graduation!”
- Jan Grafton sends to FS3 Seel: “I enjoy getting the Morgenthau newsletter. I hope you are well and very happy. Things here are pretty much the same - as usual I am very busy with the dogs needing homes. Please always keep them in your prayers. God's Blessing to you and your crewmembers. You are doing a terrific job! Take care, and I hope you have a Wonderful holiday season.”
- Mom Dad and Heather send to BM3 Steve Hewitt: “We are proud of what

you have accomplished, Miss you a lot and cant wait to see you again. Loved much, Mom, Dad and Heather.”

- Christa, Bradon, and Madison Smiley send to Chief Smiley: “We love you and Miss you ssooo much! Come home to us So we can be together and have our cozy nights again. Love Your Three Smiley!!!!”
- Gini Kreutzkamp sends to Bill Kreutzkamp: “Hey baby, I can't wait for you to come home. I've missed you so much! See you in a few days. I love you!”
- Aunt Janet and Uncle Jim send to BM3 Steve Hewitt: “Glad to see your on your way back safely. Missed a lot. Proud of you as always Loved Much.”
- Grandmom Gavin sends to BM3 Steve Hewitt: “Glad you and your shipmates on headed home safely. I cant wait to see you again.”
- Friends in New Jersey send to BM3 Steve Hewitt: “Hey Coastie, Glad your on your way home. Cant wait to see you and Party. Sempter Paratus as you would say.”
- Heather & Wes Hazzard send to ET3 Hazzard: “Way to rock it out daddy (you're the coolest daddy on the boat)!! Missed ya everyday, another patrol under the belt. We love you. You're the "bestest" ever.”
- Amanda sends to Jeremy Borja: “Hey Bubba! I was really nice seeing you in Houston. I can't wait til I get to see you again! I heard you got a picture phone too! Finally you loser!! It's 2007! Now I send you pictures all the time...yeah!! Love Ya”
- Kimberly Hampton sends to Martin Hampton: “Hey baby!!! I can't wait to see you in a few days! Thank god this patrol went by fast! when you get home we're painting the baby's room! Ü And celebrating our 2nd Christmas together!! (But really it's the first one we'll be in the same place at the same time, so hooray for that too!!) I miss you and I love you! <3 Kim”
- Valerie & Danny Quinley send to OS3 Joshua Quinley: “WOW!! Another patrol almost over!! Job well done to all of you!! Soon you will be home-CAN'T WAIT!! We miss you and love you so much. We pray for you and all the crew every day. What you are doing makes our world a better place. We are so proud of you. Mom & Dad”

- Maritza Denman to MK3 Denman: “Hey Santa Baby can't wait for you to come home I love and Miss you so much.



ENS Radik and ENS Garcia learn from DC3 Serrano

Love you my Monkey”

- Tiffany Cooper sends to SA Justin Carlson: “Oregon is looking most AWESOME this time of year, looking forward to you coming up here...LOL”
- Kelley sends to Austin Green: “Hey Baby I'm so excited for you to be home and to celebrate our 1st Christmas together. Only a couple more days until I am standing on that pier waiting for you to pull in. I can't wait to be back in your arms. I love you with all of my heart. Always & Forever”
- Chuck and Erin send to Ed Cabrera: “So you never answered my question. Would you rather take half of our stuff now or all at once when you move to Hawaii?



Welcome home. I still have the sunglasses."

- Chuck sends to Jen Inwood: "It seems like 2 weeks ago since I last saw you, wait....it was, come visit again, we had a good time having you up here. Welcome Home again."
- Mom sends to BM3 Karen Sinkey: "Sure glad you inherited the Sinkey sea legs and not the deck-crawling and chumming genes from my side.....Seriously, we are very proud of you!"
- Mom and Carl send to SN Green: "Hoo-Rah Morgenthau!! Outstanding job, guys! Hey to Austin Green and Egypt... Glad you are back in Port (or almost). Best of the season to you both - looking forward to next rendezvous. Thanks to Chadwick Carlough - really enjoyed the newsletters! Love, and Merry Christmas."
- Lorraine Bell sends to Jeremy Borja: "Thanks for the time you sacrifice away from your family to keep us and our waters safe. Our love and prayers are with you always!! May you all enjoy a Blessed and Merry Christmas! Love you, Aunt Lorraine."
- Mom, Dad, Kendra, Grandma Ball's, and Stahz, family send to SN Dustin Ford: "Hey Dustin, we miss you and can't wait to see you for Christmas. It sounds like you had an exciting cruise. Mom says learn how to hold onto your glasses...HA HA .See you soon, Love from all."
- Cynthia Sains sends to BM3 Jonathan Sains: "Well Jonny, we've almost made it through this patrol and while I can't say missing you get's any easier, I can say, that anticipation becomes greater. We can't wait to spend Christmas with you! Aloha Au Ia 'Oe. No Kau a Kau... - Cyn"
- Nick Cowart sends to Brynn Healy: "Merry Christmas and happy holidays. Hope Santa brings you everything you want. Can't wait to see you."



- Sheri Childers sends to MK1 Childers: "We are so excited to have you home for xmas....the kids are restless and I think I am too. We have missed you so very much and can't wait for Big Daddy Mark to be home. We love you!"
- All your family in Shushan Sends to LTJG Cuevas: "Congratulations! We love you always."
- Your Shushan Family sends to Nolan J. Cuevas: "Greetings, Hope this makes you smile & know that we are all with you no matter where you are!!! Stay Safe ! We Love you!"

Jennifer Inwood: "Welcome back to port hope its been a good trip ,look forward to seeing you in January ,have a good Christmas and happy new year to you and all your shipmates, G P J"

- John Clegg sends to Molly Seel: "Wishing you a very merry Christmas and happy new year from London. Wishing I could be there with you. Hope all is going well for you. Looking forward to seeing you soon. Miss you more than you know. BFF"

- Doug & Vicki Young send to BM2 Jessica Young: "We love you and are looking forward to seeing you. Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays to you and all your shipmates!"

- Nan Olson (Grandmother) sends to LTJG Ricky Colby: "Hi Ricky, Sorry I'll miss joining you and the family for an Illinois Christmas, but look forward to visiting you the second week of February in CA. Ashley and I will count on you to



ET2 Peru was the highest bidder in the silent auction for any meal of his choice served on the mess deck to him and five of his friends.

show us the sights of San Francisco. Have a fabulous holiday! I will be thinking of you with love and pride. Hugs from AZ, Nan kyhaw"

- Doris Hasegawa and her class send to all the crew members who visited Mountain View Elementary School: "I wish you well and happy holidays."
- Katie (sister) sends to MK3 Byron Knepp: "You made it through yet another patrol! Can't wait to see you again! Enjoy mom's company this week!!! Love and miss you bunches!! :)"
- Jessica Borja & family send to OS2 Jeremy Borja: "I want you to know how thankful I am to have you as my husband and father to our children. You are the perfect God sent husband for me. We can't wait until you come home! And just 159 more days until we go "home". HI daddy! we love you and I am ready to go to Chucky Cheese!"
- Cliff & Debby Kreutzkamp, mom & dad of DC3 William Kreutzkamp send to DC3 Kreutzkamp: "We love you & sure miss you. We're so proud of you & all your shipmates. So glad you'll be home for Christmas. Tank, Emma & Brandi send you kiss & tail wags. Love, Mom & Dad"
- Gretchen, Kiera & Finnegan send to CWO James O'Brien: "We miss you so much and are so glad you'll be home for the holidays this year! Can't wait to see you and Santa Claus on Friday! Love you lots."
- Roger O'Donnell sends to Ens Erin O'Donnell: "Welcome back & MERRY CHRISTMAS"
- Richard & Marcia Waters send to Jordan L. Waters As Henry Davud Thoreau once said "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you've imagined." Welcome back! We've missed you."

- Stacey Dias sends to Kyle Kelsey: "I'm so happy to be having you home for Christmas this year! I know you are happy to and I can't wait to go to the snow as soon as you get back, we are going to have so much fun. Can't wait to see you, love you hun!"
- The Fairfield Knepps send to MK3 Byron Knepp III: "Congrats on another successful patrol. We're proud of all you do! We look forward to seeing you soon and possibly adopting a new "son." Luv ya!"
- Nura Swinney sends to Amir E. Ebrahim: "To my dearest baby brother, you are my best friend and a wonderful person! I am so happy and proud of you! You are doing a great job!!! I can't wait to see you. Take care and I wish you all the best. All my love."
- Dad, Mom, Jess, Aly, and Ben send to OS3 Samuel Sproul: "We love you and miss you. Merry Christmas Sam!!!"
- Angelique Waters sends to lil bro OS3 Jordan Waters: "Jordan, I am so proud of you! Christmas isn't the same without you and the family here with us. How about those "Bucs"? J-5 says hello and that he misses you too."
- Heidi sends to CWO Saiz: "Love and Miss You. Can't wait 'til you get home. Have fun with your brother onboard."

As always we'll do our best to be safe out here on the high seas – you be safe too at home, and thank you for your support, e-mails and care packages! We'll see you soon just in time for the holidays !

Best regards,

The Officers, Chiefs, and Crew of
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